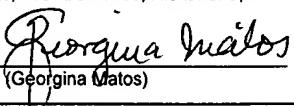


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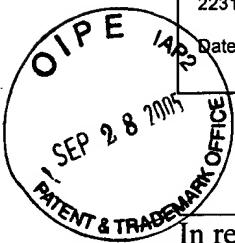
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated April 28, 2005 (Paper No. /Mail Date 20050425), for which a response was due on July 28, 2005, and in response to the Examiner-initiated Interview Summary sent August 19, 2005 via facsimile (Paper No. 08192005) which indicated that the finality of the Office Action mailed April 28, 2005 has been withdrawn.

Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to September 28, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. Submitted concurrently herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement along with references and the appropriate fee.

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